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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO U.S. BY FINANCE MINISTER CONSTANCIO

1. FINANCE MINISTER VITOR CONSTANCIO, THE CHIEF ARCHITECT OF GOP ECONOMIC POLICY, WILL VISIT THE U.S. FROM JUNE 5 THRU 8 TO SIGN THE STANDBY AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF. WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES, CONSTANCIO PLANS TO MEET WITH BANKERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS IN AN EFFORT TO ARRANGE MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM CREDITS. THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS ALREADY SEEKING APPOINTMENTS.

2. CONSTANCIO HAS SOUGHT OUR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING PUT TOGETHER HIS WASHINGTON SCHEDULE. IT IS IN OUR INTERESTS TO HELP, AND WE REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY, ASSIST IN PUTTING TOGETHER A BLUE RIBBON PROGRAM. APPOINTMENTS AT TOP LEVELS IN THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, TREASURY (SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL OR UNDER SECRETARY SOLOMON, AND STATE (UNDER SECRETARY COOPER) AND PERHAPS ON THE HILL, WOULD MAKE GOOD SENSE.

3. CONSTANCIO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN BRINGING THE GOP TO TERMS WITH THE IMF. THE SUCCESS OF HIS U.S. VISIT, INCLUDING BOTH IMAGERY AND SUBSTANCE, WILL BE AN IMPORTANT PRESTIGE FACTOR INFLUENCING HIS ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO
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KEEP THE GOP FOCUS ON THE IMF TARGETS.

4. ECONCOUNS FERRER WILL BE MEETING WITH CONSTANCIO AT NOON, FRIDAY, MAY 19. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE BY THEN REGARDING THE STATE OF PLAY IN PUTTING TOGETHER A SCHEDULE FOR CONSTANCIO AND WHATEVER SUGGESTIONS THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE REGARDING SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS.

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